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GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

SUMMARY: NATO EXPERTS' MEETING ON CSCE ECONOMIC AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION ITEMS AGREED TO TABLE AGENDAS KEYED CLOSELY TO MANDATES AT OUTSET OF PHASE II. U.S. PROMISED TO PROPOSE DRAFT S&T AGENDA AT SEPT. 18 NATO CAUCUS IN GENEVA. U.S. PAPER ON S&T WAS APPROVED AD REFERENDUM. CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED ABOUT POSSIBLE COORDINATION DIFFICULTIES WITHIN NATO BASKET CAUCUS IN GENEVA. EXPERTS' DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR CO-PRODUCED GOODS INDICATED CONTINUATION  
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OF PREVIOUS POSITION THAT ALLIES WOULD NOT RAISE SUBJECT IN CSCE.  
END SUMMARY.

1. NATO EXPERTS' MEETING ON CSCE IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 10-11 AGREED THAT ALLIES SHOULD TABLE AGENDAS IN EFFORT TO SEIZE INITIATIVE AT OPENING OF PHASE II IN COOPERATION (BASKET II) SUB-COMMITTEES ON COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES, INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST, AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. (SUBCOMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENT AND COOPERATION IN OTHER AREAS ARE NOT SCHEDULED TO MEET DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS IN GENEVA.) AGENDAS ARE TO BE KEYED CLOSELY TO MANDATES AGREED TO BY FOREIGN MINISTERS IN HELSINKI (WITH SOME REDUNDANCY ON POINTS IMPORTANT TO ALLIES). PRINCIPLE GOVERNING AGENDA FORMULATION WAS AGREED TO BE INCLUSION OF ALL POINTS CONTAINED IN MANDATE IN ORDER TO REDUCE OPPORTUNITY FOR EAST TO RENEGE ON COMMITMENT TO EXAMINE SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF COMMERCIAL CONTACTS, FACILITIES AND INFORMATION.

2. NATO CAUCUS MEETING IN GENEVA SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 18 WILL CONSIDER AGENDAS ON COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST CONTAINED IN REF A. IN LIGHT OF DISSATISFACTION WITH SHALLOWNESS OF PROPOSED S AND T AGENDA IN REF A, US DEL AGREED TO SUBMIT EXPANDED S&T AGENDA AT NATO CAUCUS SEPT. 18 IN GENEVA. ONLY OTHER ALTERATION SUGGESTED IN AGENDA TEXTS WAS ADDITIONAL PHRASE "AND COMMERCIAL DISPUTES" TO ITEM FIVE ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST AGENDA.

3. WORK ON EC PAPERS ON BASKET II SUBJECTS, AS FORECAST IN REF A, IS STILL CONTINUING AND NO PAPERS WERE PRESENTED AT MEETING. U.S. PAPER ON S&T (REF B) WAS ACCEPTED AD REF.

4. GENERAL THEME OF EC-9 REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETING WAS DESIRE TO MOVE AT DELIBERATE PACE IN BASKET II AND TO MAXIMIZE ROLE OF SUB-COMMITTEES VERSUS COMMITTEE (WITH DESIRE TO RESTRICT COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS RATHER THAN SUBSTANCE). U.S. REP NOTED THAT WORK ON BASKET II WOULD NOT PROCEED IN ISOLATION AND THAT PACE OF WORK IN SUB-COMMITTEES SHOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO OVERALL MOVEMENT OF CONFERENCE. SEVERAL DELS FORESAW PROBLEM OF COORDINATION, IF WORK PACE WERE RAPID IN GENEVA, WITHIN NATO CAUCUS BETWEEN EC NINE COUNTRIES AND NON-EC NATO MEMBERS.  
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5. DANISH REP SAID THAT DANISH MISSION IN GENEVA WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING PLACE FOR SEPT. 18 MEETING. QUESTION OF A PERMANENT MEETING PLACE FOR NATO CAUCUS ON BASKET II ITEMS WAS RAISED AND REPS AGREED TO LOOK INTO MATTER IN GENEVA.

6. AT MEETING GERMAN DEL STATED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BASED ON PARA 4 REF A THAT FRG HAS NO INTENTION TO INTRODUCE AT CSCE TARIFF PREFERENCES IN WEST FOR CO-PRODUCED PRODUCTS IN E.E. FRENCH DEL SAID THAT CONSENSUS OF NINE REACHED AT COPENHAGEN WAS AGAINST "BEING LED ALONG PATH OF TARIFF PREFERENCES TO EE COUNTRIES." FRENCH DEL CONTINUED BY ASKING VIEWS OF NON-EEC COUNTRIES PRESENT IN NATO, ALL OF WHOM EXPRESSED DISFAVOR OF PREFERENCES. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH US, GERMAN EXPERT FROM FRG ECONOMIC MINISTRY

SAID HE EXPECTS EASTERN EUROPEANS TO RAISE PREFERENCE QUESTION IN  
GENEVA AND THAT DIVISION EXISTS WITHIN GERMAN GOVERNMENT  
RE-TREATMENT OF PROBLEM.

7. COMMENT: THE NINE'S SLOW-MOVING (AND PROBABLY DIFFICULT)  
COORDINATION ON PREPARATIONS FOR CSCE BASKET II ITEMS MAY  
FORESHADOW A SIMILAR PERFORMANCE IN GENEVA WITH CONSEQUENT PROBLEMS  
OF COORDINATION WITHIN THE FIFTEEN.  
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